

**WATER DISTRICT 37B**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL WATER DISTRICT MEETING**  
FEBRUARY 9, 2023 1:00 P.M.

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**ITEM #1 on Agenda – CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION**

Lou Andersen, Advisory Board Chairman, called the annual meeting to order at 1:06 P.M. (Copies of Meeting Agenda, 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes, 2022 Budget to Actuals, 2023 Proposed Budget and Resolutions were handed out at entrance).

**ITEM #2 and #3 on Agenda – SELECTION OF 2023 MEETING CHAIRMAN and SELECTION OF 2023 MEETING SECRETARY.**

Jim Kramer made a motion to select Lou Andersen as Meeting Chairman of the annual meeting. Dennis Strom seconded. No discussion. Motion passed unopposed.

Dennis Strom made a motion to select Teresa Andersen as secretary of the annual meeting. Charlie Kester seconded. No Discussion. Motion passed unopposed.

**ITEM #4 on Agenda– APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 2022 ANNUAL MEETING**

Lou asked that everyone take a few minutes to look over the 2022 annual meeting minutes and opened the floor for discussion. No discussion.

Charlie Kester made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Jim Kramer seconded. No discussion. Motion passed unopposed.

Lou introduced Corey King and Jana Reeder from IDWR, who attended the meeting.

**ITEM #5 on Agenda – WATERMASTER REPORT OF 2022 YEAR**

Lou turned the floor over to Rusty for the Water Master report.

Rusty showed a map of the Water District 37B which consists of all municipal, surface, storage, ground water and rented water that drains into the Camas Creek Drainage. We split off of Water District 37 in 2013. There are 409 water rights, and 136 different water right owners. Rusty stated he still gets a few questions about forfeiture dates. All water rights in this district were “decreed” in 2010 and in Idaho will be forfeited if not used for five consecutive years, putting water in the water bank pauses forfeiture date but does not reset it. If there is a drought and there is no water to irrigate with, it does not count against you for the 5 consecutive year usage.

Rusty gave some of the NRCS Snow Data, as of Feb 6, shows Big Wood drainage at 128% of normal, last year 113%. Snow-tel sites on Camas Creek Divide at 129%, last year 95% - Soldier Ranger Station at 117% of normal, last year 81%. Magic Reservoir is at 25,652 AF currently, full storage is 191,500 AF and they need 240,000 AF for the season.

Rusty gave a list of his duties and responsibilities –

- Measuring all devices – surface water and groundwater

- Make sure all meters and devices are up to IDWR standards

- Make sure all water amounts are recorded with the IDWR

- Facilitate water cuts when the creeks dry up

- Help IDWR identify issues on non-compliance

- Keep the advisory board up to date on issues

- Communicate with everyone in the District with what you need to know and any questions for WM

Rusty also discussed a list of Not the Job of the Watermaster but he is willing to help with – and a list of other items that he really shouldn't be helping with.

Rusty explained the water bank program.

Groundwater - there are 41 big wells, 6 small wells and 7 municipals.

Rusty again mentioned that batteries were a continual issue. If meters fail they have to be replaced with an IDWR approved meter.

Rusty reminded everyone, water users need to know their start and stop dates – and they must have their assessment paid in full before any water can be turned on - and they must contact Rusty when they turn on water so he can get accurate measurements.

Rusty reminded everyone that the date for the annual meeting is preset so the 2024 meeting will be the second Thursday of February.

Lou complimented Rusty for an excellent job and his being helpful even with some of the jobs that aren't really his responsibility.

**ITEM #6 on Agenda – TREASURERS REPORT FOR 2022 YEAR**

Matt McLam could not attend the meeting, so Lou conveyed that Matt had attended the board meeting when the proposed budget was discussed and that Matt had reviewed the monthly statements for the Water District and said it all looked good.

**ITEM #7 and #8 on Agenda – DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED 2023 DISTRICT 37B BUDGET and ADOPTION OF PROPOSED 2023 RESOLUTIONS AND BUDGET**

Lou asked that everyone look over the Proposed Budget and Resolutions. Lou stated that there were not changes from last year. Lou went over the 2023 proposed budget and 2022 Budget to Actuals stating that the water district did come in under budget again this year. He explained a proposed increase in mileage for Rusty since the fuel prices and the cost of vehicle maintenance had increased.

Lou asked for a motion to approve the budget.

Mitch Fleming made a motion to approve the 2023 Proposed budget. Jim Kramer seconded. No discussion. Motion passed unopposed.

Rod Gonsales made a motion to approve the proposed 2023 Resolutions. Jim Rice seconded. No discussion. Motion passed unopposed.

Lou turned the floor over to Corey King with IDWR. Corey said he had nothing to add but did answer a few questions presented to him.

Lou asked if there was any other business.

Rod Gonsales made a motion to adjourn.

Jim Kramer seconded. No discussion. Motion passed unopposed. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

(Attendance at the meeting included 31 attendees)